

First Congregational United Church of Christ

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday



PRELUDE

Conner Jordan, Organ

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Travis Nelson

(Following announcements, please turn and greet your neighbor "good morning", new children are welcome to join other children down at Kid's Church on 1st floor- see usher for assistance)

OPENING HYMN #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Congregation sings, standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Travis Nelson/*Congregation seated*

One: Credit the Holy One with glory and power!

Many: Give God the honor due with worshipful reverence!

One: The Voice speaks and we hear. The Voice thunders and creation moves.

Many: The Voice is strong and mighty, secure and majestic.

One: The Living Water refreshes us. The Holy Spirit strengthens us.

Many: Bless the name of our God!

PRAYER SONG#627

"I Love You, Lord"

Congregation, seated, before and after prayers

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Rick Mihm

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Congregation, seated

God of mercy and grace, you come to us with loving compassion. You know our shortcomings and our willfulness. Make us new as we seek to become the people you have called us to be. Help us live according to the spirit and in union with you and community with our neighbors. Give us a burden to be instruments and witnesses of your loving kindness in the world. Hold us accountable as your empowered people. Let repentance and hope for new life overcome any sense of shame that may paralyze us in our past mistakes and misdeeds as we turn toward you with wonder and expectation that you will lead us into life abundantly for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Rick Mihm

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation, seated

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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THE PEACE PRAYER

St Francis

Travis Nelson/*Congregation, seated*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:14-17

Travis Nelson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Conner Jordan, Organ

GOSPEL READING & SERMON

Matthew 28:16-20

The Rev. Rick Mihm

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The Rev. Rick Mihm

DOXOLOGY#550

"Give Praise to the Lord" vs 1

Congregation, standing

UNISON PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

The Rev. Rick Mihm / *Congregation, seated*

Generous God, May we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring as well cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN#366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Congregation sings standing

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Rick Mihm

ALL: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Conner Jordan, Organ

WELCOME GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Rick Mihm

The Rev. Richard J. Mihm, M. Div was ordained on May 26, 1990 after completing seminary at St. John's School of Theology. During 36 years of pastoral practice, he has been assigned to parishes, Christian High School teaching, Campus Ministry and teaching at a college in the Religious Studies department. He has offered pastoral presence at several churches in the Dubuque area when the pastor was unavailable. Most recently, he was the pastor and Executive Director of the Dubuque Rescue Mission for 20 years. During that time, he held Church services every Sunday evening with the eucharist provided once a month. He and his wife, Mary have three grown children who live in other states. They live at New Hope farm (just outside of Dubuque) where they welcome the stranger and immigrant with a farm coop that grows produce for 20 Guatemalan families. They also host men for retreats who are struggling with addictions and mental health. He is looking forward to our journey together this summer.

WELCOME GUEST MUSICIANS

Conner Jordan, Organist

We are delighted to welcome back Conner Jordan as our guest organist. Conner is a fourth-year student at the University of Wisconsin–Platteville, where he is double majoring in Instrumental Music Education and Sports Marketing and Advertising. Over the past year, he has been using our organ to rehearse and prepare for his final exam. Conner is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist, performing on clarinet, horn, tuba, piano, harpsichord, string bass, and—of course—the pipe organ. He is also deeply involved in UW–Platteville's athletic program as a member of the men's lacrosse team.

Originally from Monroe, Wisconsin, Conner spends much of his time in Dubuque enjoying walks at the Mines of Spain, along the riverfront, and through the city's college campuses. You may also run into him at Texas Roadhouse, where he works regularly—be sure to stop and say hello, as he loves to visit.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to share that this coming spring we will have the opportunity to attend Conner's recital here in our sanctuary (date to be determined).

Conner would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to the congregation for your open arms and welcoming spirit to both him and the wider community.

Roger Tyler, Pianist

Roger Tyler earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and Piano Performance from Southern Illinois University in 1983 and a Master of Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Iowa in 1987. He also completed post-graduate work in choral conducting at Ball State University.

With over 30 years of teaching experience, Mr. Tyler spent the majority of his career in Connersville, Indiana, where he directed highly successful choral programs and maintained a private studio teaching piano, voice, and violin. He also taught at a four-year Bible college in Rock Island, Illinois.

Since moving to Dubuque, Iowa in 2020, Mr. Tyler has continued his passion for music education, currently teaching at local elementary schools, and also operates a piano tuning business.



Gather • Serve • Celebrate

What's Happening in Our Church Community

We are excited to introduce a new weekly feature: “Gather • Serve • Celebrate.” Each week, this space will offer a simple snapshot of what’s coming up in the life of our congregation—opportunities to connect, ways to serve, and moments worth celebrating together. In the midst of busy schedules, it can be easy to lose track of all that is happening around us. This weekly update is designed to help us stay grounded in our shared life together—so we can more fully participate in the ministries, gatherings, and milestones that shape our faith community.

June 6

DBQ Pride Event-Clock Tower Area-Volunteers Needed

June 7

Open and Affirming (ONA) Sunday

June 14

Baptism of Tessa Jane Barnhouse, Guest Preacher The Rev. Matt Barnhouse
(Proud Great-Grandparents Phil and Judy Ruppel)

June 14-19

Welcome Youth Group from Fairmount Methodist Church, St. Paul, MN

June 17

Welcome Dinner for Youth Group-Social Room

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Beginning in June, we will launch a series of monthly themes, each lasting four weeks. These series will include opportunities for participation both within and beyond our church walls through outings, gatherings, and special events. Guest speakers, pulpit supply, and music will all be coordinated to reflect each theme. Stay tuned as planning teams begin organizing these experiences—and consider how you might get involved! There will be many ways to participate, no matter your age or comfort level.

June: Missions and Outreach **July:** Creating a Healthy Church **August:** Favorite Bible Stories
September: Stewardship **October:** Religions Around the World

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